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(b) 52.223–12, Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners, in solicitations and contracts for services when the contract includes the maintenance, repair, or disposal of any equipment or appliance using ozone-depleting substances as a refrigerant, such as air conditioners, including motor vehicles, refrigerators, chillers, or freezers.

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Subpart 23.9—Toxic Chemical Release Reporting

Source: $60 \ \mathrm{FR}$ 55307, Oct. 30, 1995, unless otherwise noted.

23.901 Purpose.

This subpart implements the requirements of Executive Order (E.O.) 12969 of August 8, 1995, Federal Acquisition and Community Right-to-Know. (See also EPA Notice, "Guidance Implementing Executive Order 12969" (60 FR 50738, September 29, 1995).)

[60 FR 55307, Oct. 30, 1995, as amended at 61 FR 41474, Aug. 8, 1996]

23.902 General.

- (a) The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA) established programs to protect public health and the environment by providing the public with important information on the toxic chemicals being released by manufacturing facilities into the air, land, and water in its communities.
- (b) Under EPCRA section 313 (42 U.S.C. 11023), and PPA section 6607 (42 U.S.C. 13106), the owner or operator of certain manufacturing facilities is required to submit annual reports on toxic chemical releases and waste management activities to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the States.

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23.903 Applicability.

- (a) This subpart applies to all competitive contracts expected to exceed \$100,000 (including all options) and competitive 8(a) contracts.
 - (b) This subpart does not apply to—

- (1) Acquisitions of commercial items as defined in part 2; or
- (2) Contractor facilities located outside the United States. (*The United States*, as used in this subpart, includes any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession over which the United States has jurisdiction.)

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23.904 Definition.

Toxic chemicals means reportable chemicals currently listed and added pursuant to EPCRA sections 313 (c), (d), and (e), except for those chemicals deleted by EPA using the statutory criteria of EPCRA, sections 313 (d) and (e).

23.905 Policy.

- (a) It is the policy of the Government to purchase supplies and services that have been produced with a minimum adverse impact on community health and the environment.
- (b) Federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable, shall contract with companies that report in a public manner on toxic chemicals released to the environment.

23.906 Requirements.

- (a) E.O. 12969 requires that solicitations for competitive contracts expected to exceed \$100,000 (including all options) include, to the maximum extent practicable, as an award eligibility criterion, a certification by the offeror that, if awarded a contract, either——
- (1) As the owner or operator of facilities to be used in the performance of the contract that are subject to Form R filing and reporting requirements, the offeror will file, and will continue to file throughout the life of the contract, for such facilities, the Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Form (Form R) as described in EPCRA sections 313 (a) and (g) and PPA section 6607: or—
- (2) Facilities to be used in the performance of the contract are exempt